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Madrid, October 12.

ON the 10th Inſtant two Pragmaticas or Proclamations were publiſhed here by ſound of Drum and Trumpet, in the preſence of ſix Alcaldes *de Corte*, and ſeveral other Inferior Officers of Juſtice; The one commanding a due obſervation and execution of a former publiſhed in the Year 1674. for reforming Exceſſes in Apparel, Coaches, and Liveries. And the other Ordaining that the ſmall Braſs Money (which was Cried down in the Year 1680.) ſhall be Currant again in this Kingdom, though but at half the value it paſſed for before. Our Letters from *Cadiz* give an account, that the Spaniſh Fleet ſailed from thence the 24th paſt for the *Weſt-Indies*, conſiſting in 8 Men of War and 19 Merchant Ships. That two days before three Algierines were ſeen off of that Port and took a Spaniſh Boat with 12 Men. And that the five Spaniſh Men of War that ſailed lately from *Cadiz*, commanded by Don *Matheo de la Haya*, had joyned the Vice-Admiral *Papachin*, and that they Cruiſed, being together 12 Men of War, off of *Cape St. Vincent*. On the firſt Inſtant 11 French Men of War, one whereof carried a Rear-Admirals Flag, appeared off of *Cadiz*. From *Barcelona* we have advice by an Expreſs, that the Gallies of this Crown are arrived there, thoſe of *Genoua* having ſtaid at *Majorca* to furniſh themſelves with Victuals, which when they have done, they will likewiſe come to *Barcelona*; And from thence they will ſail with the ſaid Spaniſh Gallies for the Coaſt of *Italy*. The King was ſomewhat Indiſpoſed on the 9th Inſtant, which brought the Queen Mother to Town from the *Retiro*; but his Majeſty is at preſent very well again. The Duke *de Veraguas* and moſt of his Family that came from *Seville*, are fallen ſick; and he himſelf is in much danger. The Command of General of the Horſe in *Catalonia*, being vacant by the advancement of the Marquis *de Liganez* to that Government, the Chief Pretenders to it are Don *Francisco de Velasco*, Governor of *Oran*; and the Duke of *Bejar*, and the Marquis *de Bedmar*, who are now ſerving in *Flanders*.

From the Imperial Camp at Turannovitz *on the Drave. September* 31. 1684.

The overflowing of the River occaſioned by the late great Rains, has not only broken our Bridge (which we are with great diligence repairing) but does likewiſe ſo incommode our Camp, that if the Rains continue, we ſhall be forced to remove from hence. We expect every day our General Count *Leſlie* back from *Vienna*, and there is ground to believe that upon his arrival ſome great deſign will be taken in hand; For all the Gentlemen of [illegible] are Summoned into the Field upon pain of confiſcation of their Eſtates; And Orders have been given for the providing Corn and other Proviſions for ſeveral-thouſand Men more than are at preſent encamped here. Many think we ſhall march directly towards the Bridge of *Eſſecke*, to burn it, or at leaſt to give the Seraſquier Baſſa a diverſion.

Vienna, October 15. Our Letters from the Army before *Buda* of the 10th Inſtant ſay, That the Troops of *Suabia* were not yet arrived in the Camp, but that they were expected that day or the following at fartheſt, and that the great Aſſault which was intended to be made on the 12th, was for that reaſon put off till the 14th or 15th. That in the mean time they were preparing ſeveral Mines; That they had quite ruined the Great Tower of the Caſtle with their Cannon; and that the weather was as favourable as could be expected in this Seaſon. The Count *de Starenberg*, Governor of this City, and his Brother the Governor of *Philipsburg* have both been carried very ſick from the Camp to *Raab*, where we hear they lie dangerouſly ill. We have advice, that the Baſſa's of *Erla* and *Waradin* have drawn a ſmall Body of Men together, and ſome think they may have a deſign upon *Peſt*, while the Chriſtian Army is employed on this ſide the *Danube*. Prince *Herman* of *Baden*, Preſident of the Council of War, is going to the Army before *Buda*, to aſſiſt in the Siege, and it's ſaid he will part from hence to morrow morning. We are told that the Elector of *Bavaria* has ſent orders to his Council at *Municke* to ſend more of his Forces for *Hungary*, and that in purſuance thereof two Bavarian Regiments of Foot are expected here in few days. The Gariſon of *Newheuſel* has of late made ſeveral excurſions to the great vexation of the neighbouring Country.

Vienna, October 15. By an Expreſs arrived from the Camp before *Buda* we have an account, that the great-Aſſault was not to be made till this day, for that their chief Mines could not be ready till then. There is a report that our Governor the Count *de Starenberg* is dead.

Francfort, October 22. Two days ſince arrived here an Officer from *Hungary*, by whom we are informed, That the Turks in *Buda* are in great diſtreſs; That the Seraſquier Baſſa was retired; and that the Elector of *Bavaria* had declared that neither the Weather nor any other difficulties ſhould make him quit the Siege. That his Attack on the ſide of the Caſtle was very much advanced; and that he had cauſed three Batteries to be raiſed, which having made a great breach in the Wall, the Bavarians on the 4th Inſtant made a deſcent into the Ditch, endeavoring to lodge themſelves on the breach, that the action laſted ſeveral hours, being obſtinately maintained on both ſides, but at laſt the Chriſtians were forced to retire having had about 100 Men killed and wounded; but that two days afterwards they had lodged themſelves near the Great Tower of the Caſtle; and that they were preparing to make an Aſſault upon the Caſtle with 6000 Men.

Cologne, October 24. The Emperor, we are informed, has declared his reſolution of ſending new Commiſſioners hither to ſettle the affairs of this City, which have been for ſome time in much diſorder,